

A description of the Redeemer City to City Church Planting International Intensive

2011 Intensive: September 3 – October 4

New York City

The Church Planting Intensive is a 4 ½ week full-time training program held in New York City. The Intensive prepares potential church planters in an urban church planting atmosphere and disseminates a great amount of information in a short period of time, thereby creating a concentrated, robust learning experience with a peer community. Past Intensives have included pastors from over 25 cities including Amsterdam, Barcelona, Chicago, Hamburg, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Manila, Mexico City, Mumbai, Paris, Sao Paulo, Tokyo and Toronto.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

To participate in the Intensive, a candidate must:

- Have completed or nearly-completed their formal theological training
- Be on the critical path toward planting – or already planting – a gospel-centered, city-centered church in one of 55 targeted global cities.
- Submit a C.V. and a description of the church planting project to either:
 - Al Barth (if in Europe / Africa) – alr@redeemercitytocity.com
 - Jay Kyle (if in Asia or Mexico) – jayk@redeemercitytocity.com
 - John Thomas (if in South America) – johnt@redeemercitytocity.com
 - Mark Reynolds (if in North America) – markr@redeemercitytocity.com

STRUCTURE OF THE INTENSIVE

Intensive participants take part in seminars conducted by Church Planting staff, Tim Keller, and other ministry leaders who are invited to teach on a specific topic. Seminars go on four days of the week and the fifth weekday is reserved for reading and private study. On Sundays, participants visit different New York City church plants & have an opportunity to interact with the pastor of that plant. These sessions with New York City church planters have proven very beneficial to the participants.

The opportunity for deep relationship and fellowship among the participating planters is a crucial part of the Intensive. Many pastors have continued the relationships that began during the Intensive training – both with each other and also with the Church Planting Center staff.



STRUCTURE (cont.)

Specific Learning Modules from past Intensives are:

Topical Seminars taught by Redeemer staff (Preaching & Worship, Fellowship Groups, Mercy & Justice Ministry, etc)

Reading Seminars on books selected for the Intensive group

Weekly Sermon Debrief Sessions

Church Planter Training (based on the Church Planting Manual)

Gospel DNA Seminars (based on material written by Tim Keller)

Special Seminars (taught by non-RCPC staff, by special invitation)

Action Plan & Proposal Development

Urban Church Plant Case Studies

New York City Church Plant visits

Sessions with Tim Keller (Preaching, Gospel Ministry, etc)

The Intensive is supported by an extensive reader that will be sent to all participants about 2 months before the Intensive begins. This is about 500 pages of required reading for the Intensive. Although reading days are built into the training schedule, it is recommended that participants read as much as possible before arriving in New York.

Other reading for the Intensive includes selections from the RCPC Church Planting Manual and 5 books that are provided during the Intensive orientation in New York.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Redeemer City to City covers some of the Intensive costs. Costs covered include:

Housing for the Intensive participant (typically a furnished apartment shared with 2-3 other gentlemen from the Intensive)

Local public transportation associated with the Intensive

All training materials and books

Costs that are **NOT** covered by City to City

Airfare to & from New York City

Transportation to & from the airport (both in city-of-origin and NYC)

Housing & local transportation for wives & children

Meals



... a word about wives & children

Wives are not required to attend the Intensive, however, they are encouraged to attend if the participant can afford it and if separation during the Intensive would cause family hardship or undue strain. Wives, if they come to New York, are welcome at all of the training sessions.

Some participants in past Intensives have also brought their children. Children are not permitted in the sessions and, also, no childcare is provided by Redeemer City to City. New York City is a rich environment for children, however, with many playgrounds and activities. Intensive administrators do what they can to make wives & children as comfortable as possible.